

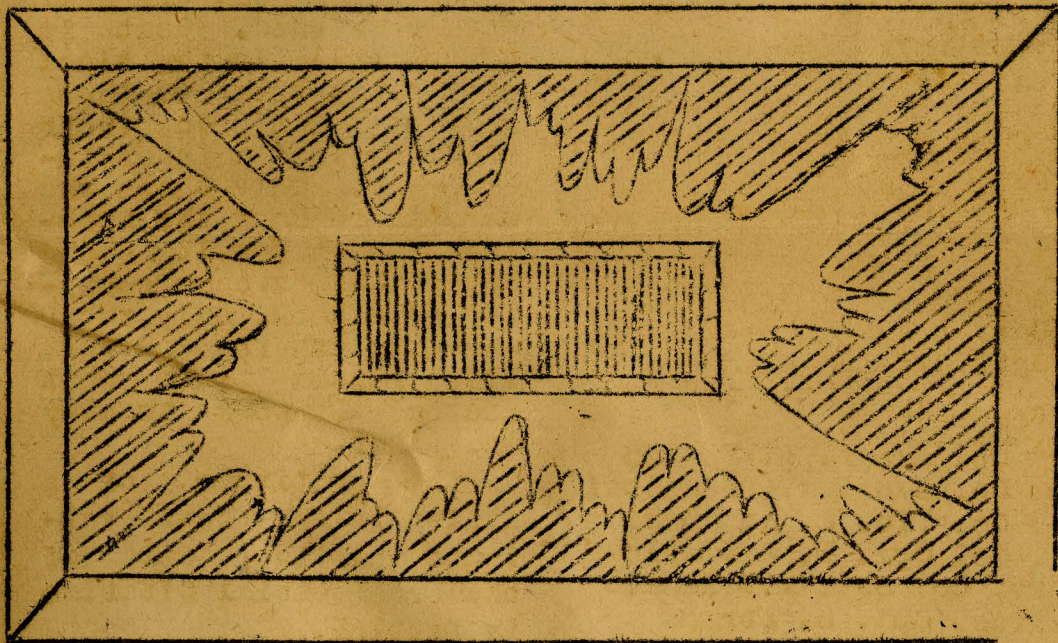
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EDITORIAL

Just a small piece of blue ribbon in a little gold frame. Doesn't sound like much---no fancy bars or stripes---no engraving---no nothing---just a ribbon and a frame--awarded by the President of the United States to units who have distinguished themselves in combat against the enemy.

The citation tells in a few words why the 52nd was so awarded. What it cannot tell is the blood and sweat shed by these gallant men in their stand against a determined enemy. Only those who were there know the hopelessness they felt as the German hordes came sweeping over them. Only those who were there and felt like running know what courage it took to stay and fight.

The gratitude of a nation is due these Valiants and the award of the Presidential Citation is fitting.

The men of the 52nd who, by their action.

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UNIT CITATION

AWARDED TO 52 AIB, 9th ARMORED DIVISION

This unit distinguished itself in combat against powerful and aggressive enemy forces during the period from 18 December to 27 December 1944, by extraordinary heroism and gallantry in defense of the key communications center of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM. Essential to a large scale exploitation of his breakthrough into BELGIUM and northern LUXEMBOURG, the enemy attempted to seize BASTOGNE by attacking constantly and savagely with the best of his armor and infantry. Without benefit of prepared defenses, facing almost overwhelming odds and with very limited and fast-dwindling supplies, this unit maintained a high combat morale and an impenetrable defense, despite extremely heavy bombing, intense artillery fire, and constant attacks from infantry and armor on sides of their completely cut off and encircled position. This masterful and grimly determined defense denied the enemy even momentary success in an operation for which he paid dearly in men, materiel, and eventually morale.

The outstanding courage and resourcefulness and undaunted determination of this gallant force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

By Order of Lieutenant General—

I wish to express my thanks to the following named enlisted men for the work they are doing as Platoon Reporters in this Company. I would like to have each name listed in the Doughboy as Platoon Reporters, but I am told that only space for one reporter is authorized. Thanks and keep up the good work;

Sgt. Bowen 1st Plat.

Pfc. Natale 2nd Plat.

S/Sgt. Spignesi 3rd Plat.

Pvt. Bowsman 4th Plat.

Pvt. Lowe is back in the saddle driving a track. (and so is Davis) "Keep flying low with Lowe".

What supply sergeant had a bad case of jitters after reading the first chapter of "Bloody Bayonets", A Bastogne Novel.

Which mortar squad leader has close resemblance to Jerry Colonna. Hollywood take note.

The men of A Company had music for dinner Wednesday. Thanks to the Division Band.

Judge: "So you say that the defendant stole your



By Yeager

money from your stocking?"

She: "Yes, your Honor".

Judge: "Then why didn't you resist?"

She: "Judge, how was I to know that he was after my money?"

Pvt. Lee Godfrey can quit bucking after today and relax. He made Pfc. Congratulations Pfc. Lee Godfrey, from the boys of the 2nd Platoon.

Pfc. Ralph Nason got a letter from his dream girl back in the States. She is complaining about not getting enough meat. Any suggestions?

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Slowly but surely the old men of this Co. are returning. In the past week we had two more come back. They had been wounded in the "Battle of the Bulge" and had been evacuated to a hospital. They were S/Sgt Paul Kuhlman and Pvt. James Giboney. You sure are welcome home, fellas.

The Boys of "Old" B Co. got a big surprise on their pass last Sunday. They ran into one of their old Plat. Sgts., Leon H. Langston. He is with the 80th Division.

The cooks of this Co. claim the Bn's biggest chow-hound is T/5 William "Zeb" Wardlaw, their driver. The other morning at 4 AM while the cooks were dressing to go on duty Zeb jumps out of bed and asks if they had fed the Co. yet. Trifle early, Zeb.

Our theatre

took on added appeal at the last show. Ten or twelve of the town belles were present (in the box seats). The Co's. Romeo's are right on the ball. Notably among those present were T/Sgt "Gil" Zube and S/Sgt Messner with their fair damsels. Wonder why S/Sgt. Bob Nesbitt didn't bring Madame Alice?

Question from the Love Lorn:---How to get rid of the old man who keeps both eyes on his daughter? T/Sgt Gerald Marleau and Pfc. Daniel Donnelley.

The "Betty Grable" of our town got her schedule mixed up the other night when both Pfc. Raymond Rooks & Pfc "Blackie" Mederios showed up, under the forked apple tree.

NEWS OF THE DAY

All the boys from B Co. have heard of "Chow-hounds", but never heard or knew the "Night Hawk". Our reporter, S/Sgt.

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SERVICE CO.

By V. Lenci



1st Sgt. Briscoe and S/Sgt. Burns are counting the days till the end of the war, so that they can go to the Old Soldiers Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Service Company is all for Lt. Biondi and his platoon in C Company. The Heinies are going to have a rough time because of this crew.

Sgt. Legg left one morning quite suddenly with acute appendicitis. He came through the operation successfully and made the rounds of the Replacement Centers. He wanted to get back in our outfit so bad-

ly that he was AWOL from one Depot a few hours while visiting us. He's back now and we are all very glad to have him with us again.

Clement and Palmer have things pretty much their own way around the kitchen. They have four or five kids doing the K.P. for them three times a day. Nice going, men.

Our dispatcher, Cpl. Romanic, is a pretty good checker player. All comers accepted--the price for a game--one package of gum.

I can't be sure because I haven't asked either one but it seems that Clem did beat Sgt. Krause to that Russian girl.

This week it's hats off to S/Sgt. Burns--our supply Sgt. He has done a really fine job of getting us equipped once again.

She: "I dreamed of you last night".

He: "You did? Did I have any luck?"

THE LATEST SECRET WEAPON:

Rumor has it that the kitchen has recently received a shipment of corn starch and a certain cook is back to his old habit of cornstarching everything. Spare us, and give it to Jerry, "Depe".

THE \$64 QUESTION

Why does Pvt. Chet Sabinski play such pretty music on his bugle in his room and then murder "Retreat Call" in cold blood?

Seems like Pvt. Joe Holguin has need of a French interpreter. Yours truly has it on good authority that Joe can make out O'K but he doesn't know the difference between parlez-ing and couche-ing yet.

Also seen about town: Cpl. Elmer "Windy" Travis propositioning a

very pert Red Cross Miss in a very unusual way: he just wanted to use kitchen facilities to heat some K rations. That the best you could do, Windy?

Glad to see our BS artist, Sgt. Joe (I spoke with Gen. Patton) Zakszewski back with us after a short rest. Seems he was 1st Sgt. (acting) of a QM outfit but left to rejoin us. Section 8's are getting harder to get, Zak, but welcome back anyway.

Something new has been added and it ain't apple honey! Congratulations are

in order for the CO's peep driver Pfc.

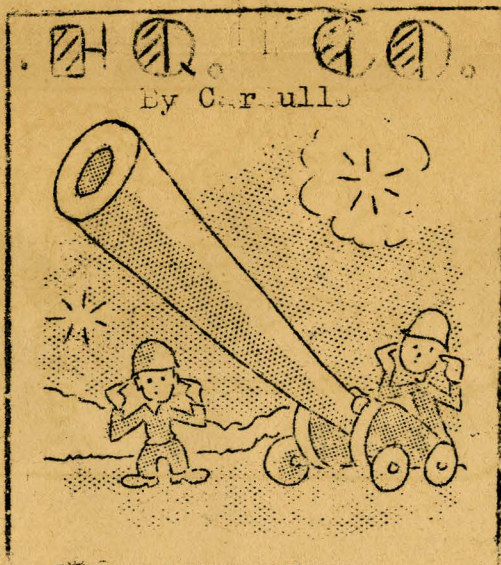
H. T. "Red"

Vogann who has just been notified that on Feb. 1st he was

the proud papa of a 7½ pound baby girl.

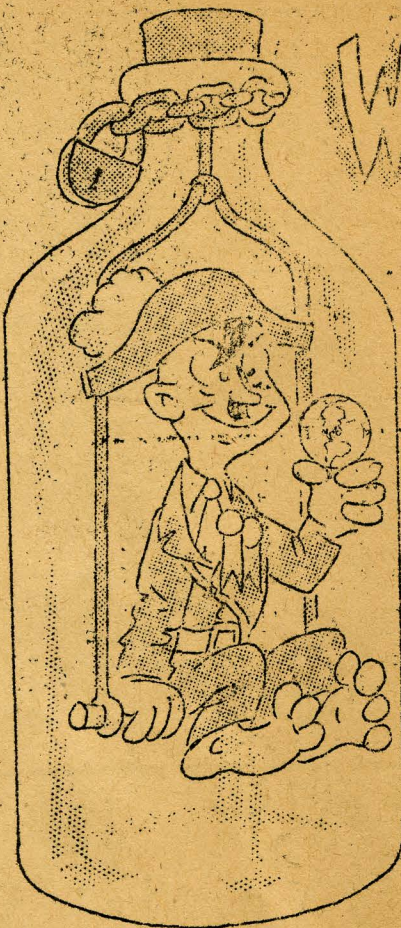
Where's that Cigar, "Red"?

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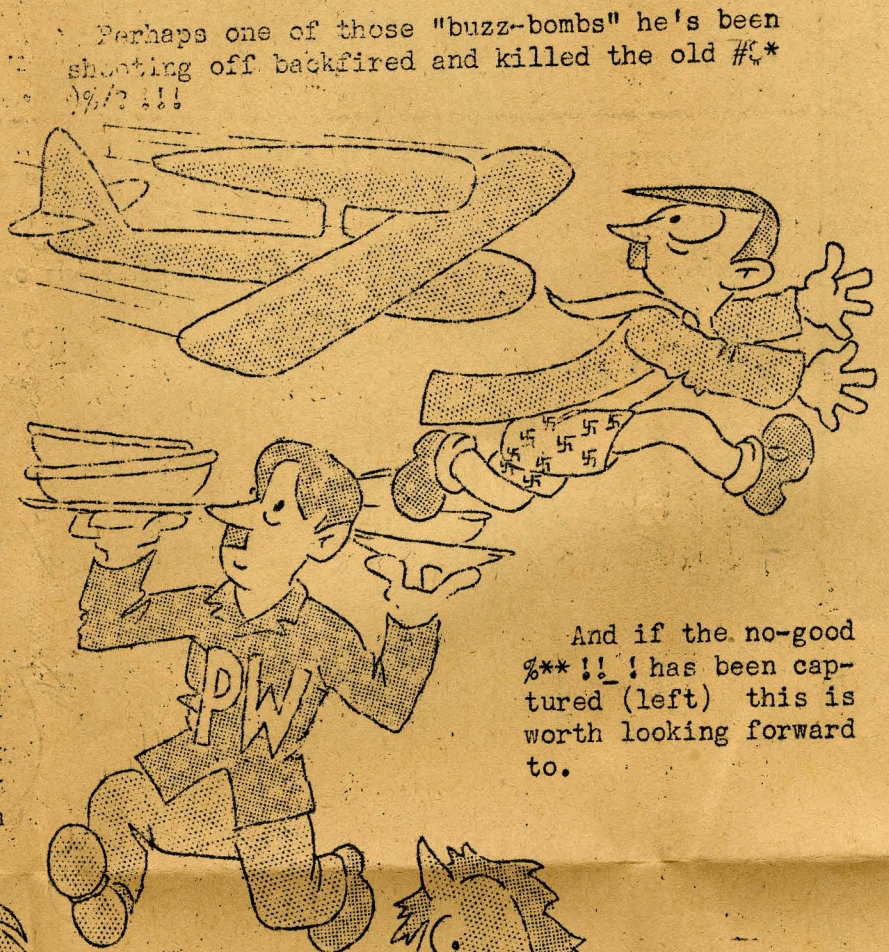


What Happened to Hitler?

(NOTHING TRIVIAL, WE HOPE)



It might be our good fortune that the dirty %/)**!! has gone stark raving mad, and they were forced to tie him up thusly.



And if the no-good %**!!-! has been captured (left) this is worth looking forward to.



Maybe they got wise to the power-mad &&**!! and put him in exile, preferably one of the malaria-infested South Pacific Islands that is slowly sinking into the ocean.

And if by good fortune the crazy &&%**!! is dead, this ought to take care of his reincarnation.

What do you think? What HAS happened to Hitler? What will happen to him--what SHOULD happen to that &*&%**!!-!. We will appreciate your ideas and comments--send them to us via your 1st Sergeant on or before Wednesday of each week. Ideas suitable for drawings will appear in subsequent issues of THE ARMORED DOUGLODY.

Of course, comments and suggestions will be kept feasible. You wouldn't want anything too drastic to happen to Der Fuhrer-----now, would you? After all, if it wasn't for him you wouldn't have had this nice ocean voyage and have seen all this scenery---all at Government expense.

EDITORIAL--

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against the enemy, earned for the unit this award will wear it proudly. All men of the 52nd are entitled to wear this decoration. Wear it just as proudly---the 52nd earned it--by the blood of those who fell there and those who fought valiantly and returned. It is for you, members of this battalion, to further emblazon the glory of this unit in future action against the enemy----in keeping now with its tradition.

--F De R



THE Jap civilian seems meek, mild and simple. But the moment he puts on a uniform, he becomes a different man. He becomes arrogant and proud of himself--a big shot. The explanation is that the uniform gives him the authority of the Emperor.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

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For the secret to success in receiving mail from home, see Pvt. Francis See who has it down to a "T", and will tell it to anyone with a willing ear and 24 hours time.

Quip of the Week: For this bit of mental exertion we are deeply indebted to our Fellow Chowhound Extraordinary, Pvt Carroll Ferguson, I quote: "The cooks are plastered, we've got pie for dinner".

Why all the muttering by the cooks about someone insisting on ice cream and individual pies? What difference does it make to them---or are we supposed to be in the field?

This chatter by the Sgt Major about being busy should cease now---he was caught reading a comic book the other day.

In Closing, The 2 Franc question for the week is: Who solved the riddle of the "Back Door Trots" or what the hell's the difference, they're over aren't they--or are they?

BEWARE FAKE VETERANS TOLD

By Camp Newspaper Service

"Come-on" advertising and mis-leading publicity about the loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights were hit in a recent speech by Edward S. Rooney, an Albany, N. Y. banker, before the New York State Veterans Service Agency.

Said Mr. Rooney, "I feel that the advertising that is put forth by banks generally and the misinformation that has unfortunately been disseminated to veteran has created a very serious situation. The Veteran feels that he is coming home to his bank and all he has to do is walk in and there is \$2000 waiting for him in a tiny little envelope with his name on it.

"The fact is that this is entirely untrue and the banks, in my opinion, instead of using 'come-on' advertising, as they have been doing, should engage in an education campaign and explain to the veteran

that if he borrows money he most certainly has to pay it back".

He declared that those interested in the veterans welfare could perform a real service in their communities if they would explain to the veteran and outline to the bank the real need for a frank discussion and explanation of that fact that the veteran is getting absolutely nothing free except a part of the first year's interest, and that if he borrows money, it must be paid back.

Misleading publicity, he added, has made some legitimate benefits of the GI Bill of Rights appear as careless gestures of charity rather than soberly-considered assistance for self-respecting men.

DON'T WRITE LETTERS TO 'MISSING' SOLDIERS

Washington (CNS) Here's a tip to pass on to the home folks in your next letter. Tell them not to attempt to write to you if you should be listed as "missing in action". The War Department warns that their well-meaning efforts Cent'd on page 13

FIELD-EXPEDIENTS

Each week the "ARMORED DOUGHBOY" will bring you battle experiences gleaned from other outfits as well as our own. Study them, they may come in handy. Learn from the experiences of others and you will have less to learn the hard way.

TIME FIRE WITH GRENADES.

Follow artillery closely and when it lifts, fire grenades from the hip and try to get air bursts ten or twelve feet above the ground. Browning automatic rifles spray the area at the same time. This combination of fires is effective in making Jerry keep his head down.

GRENADE POUCH.

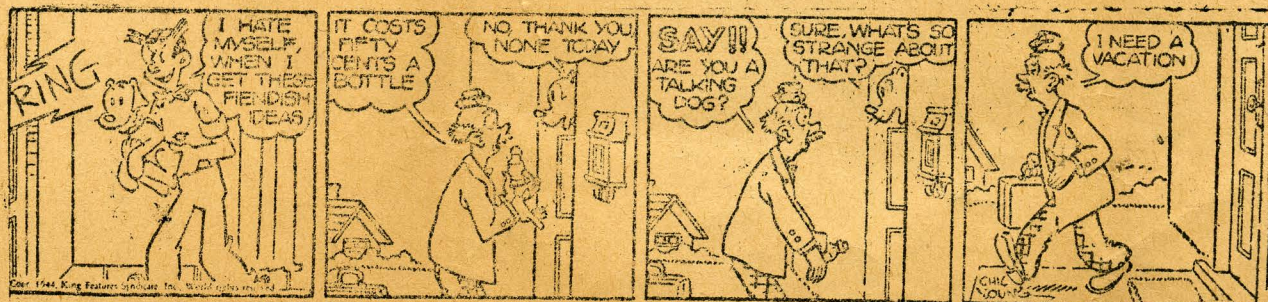
A Browning automatic rifle magazine pouch hooked to the cartridge belt provides a convenient place to carry three grenades.

BAZOOKA FIRE FROM INDOORS.

The belief that it is dangerous to fire a bazooka from a room is incorrect. At least ten rounds were fired from a room about 8' x 12' which was filled with straw and there was no fire.

PHOSPHORUS BAZOOKA SHELL.

The white phosphorus bazooka rocket is a honey for clearing haystacks. The Germans hide everything from riflemen and machine gun crews to tanks in haystacks. One white phosphorus bazooka round fires the stack and brings them out. The second round is seldom if ever necessary.



ABLE CO.,

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Sgt. Potrykus, the golden voice of the ETO has been singing "It had to be you" to every private he puts on detail.

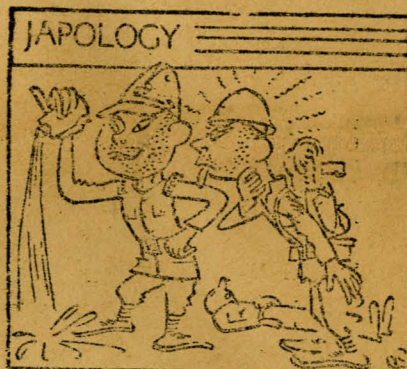
Private "RHETT BUTLER" GREGG was the only man in the 3rd Platoon to complete his mission on pass last Sunday. NOTE: House 29, Third Floor.

The few battered B's showed superior infiltration tactics in the Red Cross doughnut line. Score: Korzenko, 6; Shaw, 4; Potrykus, 5 and Spighesi, 5.

During one of Sneed's exercises he mentioned a certain neck breaking exercise that turns a person's color. Prete wants to know if he has any chance of turning white?

SPORT QUIZ

1. In what game did the famous fifth down occur?
2. What was the largest score ever run up by a PRO football team?
3. Who was the fighter that finally disallusioned John L. Sullivan?



The Japanese soldier is taught blind obedience. Before the war, a group of Jap soldiers on summer maneuvers were ordered not to drink from their canteens except upon the order of the CO. Although 20 men fell from thirst and exhaustion, and 5 died, examination of their canteens revealed they had not been touched.

BAKER CO.

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Vipconzitti must break all curfew laws to be able to get out and get the news the way he does.

Who is checking on "B" Company's "Night Hawk"? "What about it, guards? How does he do it,

ANSWERS

1. Dartmouth-Cornell, '40
2. Bears beat Reds, 73-0
3. James Corbett

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to communicate with you may endanger your life.

A soldier listed as "missing in action," the WD points out, "may have escaped, or he may not have been picked up by the enemy. In such cases, he may be still at large in enemy territory." If the soldier's folks attempt to write to him through the medium of the International Red Cross Directory Service, their letters "would serve only to notify the enemy that the soldier is free in their territory."

WAR WILL COST U.S.
\$450 BILLIONS BY '46

Washington (CNS)-By the end of the 1946 fiscal year, the U.S. will have spent \$450,000,000,000 on World War II, it is estimated in President Roosevelt's annual budget to Congress. The President has asked war expenditures of \$70,000,000,000 for the 1946 fiscal year starting July 1 in a total budget request of \$83,000,000,000.

IS IT A FACT?

NEWS FROM HOME

Spokane, Wash (CNS)-----

"Why did you conceal your prison record?" the Judge asked a burglary suspect with a long record. "People would have thought I was bragging," the prisoner replied modestly. "Now the record can speak for itself."

Boston (CNS)-----An OPA official lost his brass collar button. After days of search he located another one in a downtown department store. The price 25 cents, plus a "luxury" tax. "It's our own fault," he remarked wryly. "We forgot to put a price ceiling on collar buttons."

Buffalo, N.Y. (CNS)-----

George Hazzard, 92 year old inmate of an old folks home, walked 18 miles to visit his "girl friend", a 70 year old Buffalo waitress, and discovered here that she had ditched him. "I'm off women for life," he said sadly, "I'm getting too old."

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